



MEDIA RELEASE

DUI Round-Up

49 Arrests in March 2013

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In March 2013 officers from the Santa Barbara Police Department made 49 arrests for driving under the influence violations. Numerous arrests are made each month when concerned citizens call 911 after witnessing possible DUI drivers. The SBPD would like to thank the responsible citizens who take the time to call and report suspected drunk drivers. The following is information on a few of those cases.

3/1/13 at 5:53 p.m.: Justin Alexander Holiday (age 30) was involved in an injury hit-and-run traffic collision on the 1100 block of State Street. Witnesses reported that Holiday made an unsafe turning movement that caused his vehicle to collide with another car. Holiday's vehicle then collided with a bicyclist who was riding in the bicycle lane. Holiday's vehicle came to rest lodged partially up on the sidewalk. Following the collision Holiday and his passenger got out of their vehicle and pushed it off of the sidewalk. Holiday and his passenger then got back into the car, which prompted a female witness to step in front of the vehicle to block Holiday's escape. Holiday accelerated his vehicle towards the witness twice, causing her to jump out of the way in fear and to avoid being hit. Holiday fled the scene however was found at his residence minutes later and taken into custody. Numerous witnesses reported the incident and provided video of it to the police. Holiday displayed significant symptoms of intoxication. He refused to cooperate with the investigation and was ultimately placed under arrest. Holiday chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .18 and .17. Holiday's passenger stated that they had been consuming beer throughout the day and were aware they had collided with both a vehicle and a bicyclist prior to fleeing the scene. He acknowledged that leaving the scene had been "a bad call." Holiday was booked into County Jail for the felonies of DUI causing injury, hit-and-run causing injury, intimidating or threatening a witness, and the misdemeanor of being an unlicensed driver with a bail amount of \$100,000.00.

3/4/13 at 3:44 a.m.: Cristian Ryan Quintero (age 28) was observed by Officer DeBlauw driving through an apartment complex parking lot, toward the street, on 500 W. Los Olivos Street while holding an open bottle of beer. Officer DeBlauw contacted Quintero and saw that he displayed symptoms of alcohol intoxication. Officer Rosenberg responded and conducted a DUI investigation, during which Quintero stated that he had consumed two or three beers prior to driving. Officer Rosenberg determined that Quintero was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI.

Quintero chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .18 and .17. Quintero was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

3/7/13 at 3:35 a.m.: Clifford John Taylor (age 52) was involved in a traffic collision when he reversed into a patrol car after he had been stopped by Officer Morton on 2700 State Street for an inoperative brake light. Officer Morton noticed that Taylor was displaying symptoms of alcohol intoxication and requested assistance with a DUI investigation. Officer Burgard arrived and conducted a DUI investigation on Taylor. Taylor stated that he had consumed three glasses of red wine prior to driving. Officer Burgard determined that Taylor was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Taylor chose to provide two breath samples which registered his BAC at .18 and .18. Taylor was issued a citation for DUI admitted into the Sobering Center.

3/7/13 at 9:23 p.m.: Mark Ronald Johnson (age 48) collided with a parked car on 1200 Coast Village Road. Officer Clark was nearby on an unrelated investigation when she heard the sound of the collision. Officer Clark contacted Johnson who was in his vehicle in the roadway. Johnson initially stated he had not consumed any alcohol, however was exhibiting signs of alcohol intoxication. Officer Ortega arrived to conduct a DUI investigation and Johnson stated to her that he had consumed two drinks at Lucky's Restaurant prior to driving. Officer Ortega determined that Johnson was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle and placed him under arrest for DUI. Johnson chose to submit to a blood test which registered his BAC at .21. Johnson was issued a citation for DUI admitted into the Sobering Center.

3/9/13 at 11:50 p.m.: Walter Lawrence Stetter (age 42) was involved in a single vehicle traffic collision into a fence near the intersection of Tallant Road and Las Positas Road. Officer Corral arrived on scene and found Stetter in the driver seat of his vehicle which had major front axle damage. It appeared as though Stetter was attempting to back the vehicle up. Officer Corral contacted Stetter and noticed an odor of alcohol about him. He asked Stetter if he had consumed any alcohol and Stetter stated that he had three beers approximately two hours prior. Officer Corral conducted a DUI investigation and subsequently placed Stetter under arrest for DUI. He chose to submit to a breath test and provided two samples that registered his BAC at .15 and .15. He also requested a blood test which also registered his BAC at .15. Stetter was issued a citation for DUI and admitted into the Sobering Center.

3/15/13 at 11:25 p.m.: Lasaro Humberto Coreas (age 26) was driving on the wrong side of the road in the area of Milpas Street and Haley Street. A citizen called 9-1-1 to report a possible drunk driver who was now stopped at Jack-in-the-Box on Milpas Street. Officer Rosenberg responded and contacted Coreas who was identified by the reporting citizen as the possible drunk driver. Officer Rosenberg noticed that Coreas smelled strongly of alcohol and was displaying signs of intoxication. Coreas stated that he had consumed two or three beers approximately three hours prior. Officer Rosenberg conducted a DUI investigation and determined that Coreas was too intoxicated to safely operate a motor vehicle. Coreas was placed under arrest for DUI and initially chose to submit to a breath test. Coreas was unable to provide sufficient breath samples and was therefore required to submit to a blood test which registered his BAC at .25. Coreas was booked into County Jail for DUI.

3/16/13 at 9:07 p.m.: Cynthia Flores (age 19) was involved in a traffic collision when she drove into a parked vehicle on the 300 block of E. Pedregosa Street. Officer Keller arrived and observed Flores in a heated argument with several other people near the collision scene. A witness stated that they heard the collision and had come out to investigate. The witness observed Flores get in and out of her vehicle several times, removing bottles from the car and putting them on the ground. Flores pleaded with all the witnesses not to call the police. Officer Tonello later found several bottles, some empty and others partially full, of alcohol outside Flores's vehicle. Officer Keller discovered that Flores only possessed a driving learner's permit and was unlicensed at the time of the collision. Flores stated that prior to the collision she had left a baby shower at Kids World at Alameda Park and was going to pick up her cousin who was watching her infant child (the cousin was standing nearby the collision scene with two infants). Flores stated that she had consumed one "Mad Dog" alcoholic drink in her vehicle prior to driving. Officer Keller conducted a DUI investigation and saw that Flores displayed significant signs of impairment. Officer Keller arrested Flores for DUI and she chose to submit to a breath test. She provided two breath samples which registered her BAC at .18 and .17. Flores was issued a citation for DUI and unlicensed driver and released to the care of her family. Her vehicle was towed per SBPD policy.

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